NOTE XXXIX.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS OF CRAKES.

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The Leyden Museum has possessed for some years in its bird-gallery a specimen of a Rail which was determined by the late Professor Schlegel to be the young of *Rallus maculatus*. The individual in question purchased of Mr. Frank in 1865. During his recent visit to our Museum, my friend Dr. Bowdler Sharpe pointed out that instead of being a Rail, it was a Crake, and belonged to a section of genera which embraced *Crecopsis*, *Castanolimnas* and *Crex*. He very kindly took the specimen to London with him, and compared it for me with all the neighbouring genera, some of which are not represented in our Museum. As it does not agree with any of the known genera, it seems to represent a new genus, which I propose to call.

Stictolimnas gen. nov.

Differt a genere *Castanolimnas* dicto ala minus rotundata, remige secunda et tertia aequalibus; a genero *Crecopsis* dicto rectricibus decompositis et remigibus aliter dispositis. Typus est

Stictolimnas Sharpei n. sp.

Mantle, scapulars, back, rump, upper tail-coverts and tail brownish black, the on mantle and scapulars margined

with olive-brown and provided with one or two pairs of irregular white spots near the lateral edge. These spots are enlarged to rather long, white lateral stripes on each edge of the tail-feathers. Quills and upper wing-coverts somewhat paler than back, the latter with broader and paler olive-brown or rather ochre edgings and tips and very irregularly dotted with white spots similar to those on the scapulars. Quills provided with five, seldom with only four, rather broad white bars on the inner web and with the same number of white, bar-like large spots on the outer, flowing together to a longitudinal white stripe on the outer web of the two or three outermost primaries. Crown and hind-neck brownish gray with dark centres on the feathers, lores and eyelids whitish, cheeks, ear-coverts and sides of neck slaty gray, chin, throat, a streak behind the eye and thighs ashy gray, centre of chest, breast, abdomen and under tail-coverts brownish gray, sides of chest, breast and flanks of the same color as the mantle, each feather broadly margined with olive-brown, those on the sides of chest and breast with one, those on the flanks with two pairs of lateral white spots. Under wing-coverts olive-brown, centre black, richly spotted or barred with white, edge of wing pale fulvous. Bill and feet red. Wing 14 cM., tail 6,5, tarsus 3,8, culmen 2,5. Hab. South America.

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